

# Information for All Plot Holders at Alwins Field & Weston Avenue Allotments

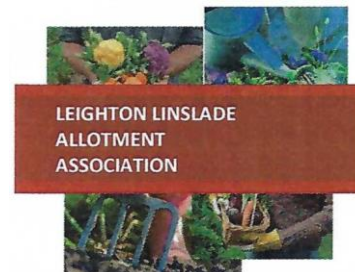
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## ...The Chair's Scribble...



The first batch of 60 water butts have now ALL been distributed between AF and WA sites. Now all we need is some rain to fill them, but that is beyond my sphere of influence...

There is potentially another batch of water butts available, if you are a new plot holder and would like one or an existing plot holder who didn't apply in the first round, I'll start putting together a list, if there is enough interest then in early 2022 I'll update as to whether batch 2 can go ahead.

To make a provisional request email [chair@llaa.org.uk](mailto:chair@llaa.org.uk)

...and finally if you are to believe the recent episodes of Gardeners' World, summer is over and winter is coming?...I hope there are quite a few more sunny days for allotment time and that you all enjoy these.... Paul

## LLAA Annual General Meeting



The AGM will be held on 2nd October 2021 at 1pm by Zoom. LLAA members will receive details of the event in the coming weeks. There are a few proposals and amendments to the constitution that require the membership to vote on, as well as election of the committee members.

We will be sending out voting forms electronically for those who can't attend on the day and I would ask all of the membership to actively participate in this process.

We will also hold votes on the day.

If you have a question or proposal you would like addressed at the AGM please would you e-mail these to [chair@llaa.org.uk](mailto:chair@llaa.org.uk)

Hopefully the weather will allow us a post AGM get together at Louis' Place, so from 4pm on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> there will a "Tea and Buns" event, so please come along and join us.

## LLAA Membership Renewals

LLAA Membership renewal is due by 30 September 2021. If you want a reminder of the benefits have a look at our [February 2021 Newsletter on our website](#).



## Discounted Seeds (Order Deadline 3rd October 2021)



Yes it's that time of year again. If you are a member of the LLAA you are eligible to order seeds, fruit bushes, sundries etc. through the Kings Seeds discount scheme provided through the National Allotment Association (NAS).

If you are a LLAA member and have not received information about this year's catalogue and order dates, or, you are not yet a LLAA member and would like to know more please contact Avril Marshall our Seed Secretary at [avril19marshall@btinternet.com](mailto:avril19marshall@btinternet.com)



## I've Completed My Seed Order & Look What I Saved!

I've just completed my seed order through the discount scheme and I saved at least £9.55 when I compared what I'm paying with what I would have paid if I'd ordered direct through the Kings Seeds website. I was not able to compare potato seed prices as none are available on the website at the moment nor the cucumber seeds I'm after so the saving could be even more!!.

So my 11 packets of vegetable seeds and 4 packets of flower seeds are costing £21.15 instead of £30.70. I've got my £5.00 LLAA membership fee back already, result!

## Toilets



At last, the toilets are open folks. A reminder your gate key also opens the toilet door.

Please be mindful that COVID is obviously still about so please take hygiene and sanitising seriously.

## NAS Allotment & Leisure Gardener Magazine

A reminder that LLAA members can view the quarterly NAS magazines on the NAS website in the members area.

The login and password are on the rear of your LLAA membership card. Issue 3 - 2021 is just out in hardcopy and an electronic copy is on the NAS website now.

The NAS members area also has other useful resources which you may wish to explore.

## Welcome To New Plot Holders



Well, we now have numerous new plot holders on both sites. It's great to see the vacant and neglected plots being worked. There is no doubt there is a considerable amount of hard graft needed to clear the grass etc. but many have managed to clear enough to get a few bits planted already.

You may have been approached by a LLAA member and have been made aware of the benefits of joining the Association. If we've not had a chance to talk to you yet then please seek us out. a list of committee members is in this newsletter.

However, in the meantime, if you want to be reminded of the benefits, or made aware of them for the first time, you can find some details in our Jan/Feb newsletter on our website. <http://www.llaa.org.uk/llaa-newsletters/>

## Seed Saving

The Kings Seed Discount Scheme is a great way of saving money on seed purchases. However we know some plot holders are keen to save their own seeds and this time of year is probably when it all kicks off. If you want to give it a go then here are some links to advice.

<https://www.seedambassadors.org/docs/seedzine4handout.pdf>

<https://www.gardenorganic.org.uk/seed-saving-guidelines>

<https://www.realseeds.co.uk/seedsavinginfo.html>

These are a small selection of results from an internet search and I'm sure you'd find plenty more yourselves.

## **MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT**

As usual the LLAA will be fund raising for Macmillan this year. Thank you to those that have already donated while becoming LLAA members or while renewing their membership.

Thankfully this year we are holding coffee morning events at Louis' Place, Weston Avenue. Look out for the posters but here are the dates for your diary.

Friday 10 September 10:30 to 13:30

Saturday 11 September 12:00 noon to 15:00

We look forward to seeing you there.

## Payments To LLAA by Bank Transfer



As mentioned in a previous newsletter we are now able to accept payments by bank transfer. However **PLEASE PLEASE** remember to put your plot number & membership number (if you have one) in the reference field when making any payment E.G. WA27B007.

If you don't, we may not be able to match payments to members.

## BBQ

We held our annual BBQ at Weston Avenue on 15 August and I hope all those that attended thoroughly enjoyed it. We were certainly pleased to see so many turn up and take the opportunity to meet fellow plot holders and collect their seed catalogues. We can't pass this item up without thanking all the volunteers who helped put this event on but special thanks to Paul Frost who did the majority of the work.



## Your LLAA Committee Members Are:-

If you want to speak to a committee member on site then this is where to find us: -

Barnaby Adams	WA 48A
Peter Bate	WA 77A
Matt Bateman	AF 23B
Janice & Stephen Bennett	WA 92B
Paul Frost	WA 88A
Michael Hildreth-Bell	WA 2A
Phil Jones	WA 27B
Avril & Simon Marshall	WA 90A
Mark McGarvie	WA 27A
Rob Salisbury	WA 50A

Or email: - [membership@llaa.org.uk](mailto:membership@llaa.org.uk)